

those opportunities kneeling beside his hammock or standing bravely before his comrades in the prayer meeting. There are long hours at Chattanooga, Atlanta, and Key West, or on the transports, hours that may be captured for the Master. There is room on every blue coat for a Christian Endeavor badge.

"We do not believe that these opportunities will be lost. We know the stuff of which our Endeavorers are made. We expect to hear of Christian Endeavor societies formed in camp, or in Cuba, or in Manila. We expect to hear of consecration meetings before battles, if other battles are to be fought. When the smoke has cleared away, and the gains are happily counted, we believe that the angels will rejoice over new souls freed for Christ as exultantly as ever our country can rejoice in the redemption of Cuba and the Philippines."

### Summer Endeavors.

WITH the approach of the heated term the work of the society, as such, begins to languish. Vacations have been found necessary in these days of intense activity for the renewal of the wasted energies, and for a few months the current of religious activity is distributed far and wide by lakeside and seashore, highland and forest. Even those whose employments keep them daily at their tasks find near-by resorts by wood or stream or lake at which the spare hours are spent.

Vacations are needed for the recuperation of the physical powers, but there can be no vacation from the duties and responsibilities of the Christian life. The claims of God press upon us wherever we may be, and it ought to be said of us, as of the early Christians, that "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." It is not necessary to hold meetings and speak to a crowd. Some of Christ's best sermons were delivered to an audience of one. To men and women, one by one, at their work, in the highway, at the well, in the field, on the fishing-boat, He spoke the words of life. This is a field of usefulness that is open to us all, wherever we may be during the coming months. This is grand Christian Endeavor work. There is none more remunerative. Will you be on the lookout for opportunities? Will you be faithful in this work?

### Christian Endeavor Chat.

By Kerux.

HAMILTON'S enthusiasm in expectation and preparation for the coming Ontario convention is unbounded. We were delightfully surprised on a recent visit by the spirit of practical earnestness and unanimity evidenced on all sides. The Rev. J. F. Barker is proving an excellent leader, and if aught is lacking when the great day comes it will not be due to any failure of energy and effort on his part. Mr. Thomas

Morris, with his wise judgment and careful conservatism, acts as a necessary balance wheel to the committee's machinery; while Messrs. Rowland and Harris are indefatigable in their labors.

THE Ontario Provincial Executive has had a decided gain to its strength in the person of Mr. A. T. Cooper, of Clinton, who was elected a vice-president last fall. His record as secretary of Huron County places him in the front rank of effective Endeavor workers in Ontario. We were much impressed with his common sense and practical ideas at the Easter meeting of the Executive.

AND, by the way, while we are talking about the Ontario Executive we would just like to express our private opinion that a good all-round shaking up would be most salutary to that body. We are privileged to say this because if it took place we ourselves would be among those shaken. The wisest of men can get into ruts, and a mild earthquake is often a most helpful experience. We believe a step in this direction was taken at the last Executive meeting, when, on motion of Mr. Cooper, it was decided to recommend to the next convention that the vice-presidents be made superintendents of departments such as Missionary, Bible Study, Citizenship, etc. If this carry, there will be less likelihood of our Executive developing into a sort of Christian Endeavor Senate after the model of that venerable body in Ottawa.

WE would like to know what has become of the Canadian Council of Christian Endeavor. Many, many moons ago a plausible representative of this high titled body persuaded us to pay one good dollar for the honor of becoming a charter member. We were promised many nice things as the result of our investment, among them being a beautiful badge which we could wear with pride in a conspicuous place upon our coat. We were even invited to submit a design for this proposed decoration, and took some time and trouble to work out an idea that we believed would be worthy of a council made up of such persons as ourselves and others. But that was the end of it; from that day to this we have seen nothing of our dollar, nor yet the badge that was to be a partial return for our investment. However we have heard a rumor somewhere that the C. C. C. E. is reserving its energy for Montreal '99, and that the excellence of our first National Convention will more than satisfy the well-meaning critics of its present apparent lethargy.

WE are grieved to learn of the death of Rev. Thomas H. Allan, of the Nzawi mission, British East Africa. Mr. Allan, before his departure from Montreal was the editor of the *Endeavor Banner*, and did much to extend the movement in the province of Quebec. He left Montreal, with his young wife, in June of 1896, and the work which they had commenced in inland Africa was full of promise when Mr. Allan was stricken down with the dreaded black water fever, from which he succumbed on March 4th.